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Opportunity to Comment on Ewing Mountain Vegetation Project. The George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, Mount Rogers National Recreation Area, has prepared a preliminary environmental assessment (EA) for the Ewing Mountain Vegetation Project. improve wildlife habitat and forest conditions in the Ewing Mountain area. A complete description of the proposal and the preliminary EA are available on-line at:

https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44665. The preliminary EA and supporting documentation is also available for review at the Mount Rogers NRA Office. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Chris Shaw, Project Leader at (276) 783-5196 or by email at christopher.e.shaw@usda.gov. The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan not authorized under the HFRA and is subject to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. How to Comment and Timeframe Specific written comments (§218.2) on the proposed project will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in The Roanoke Times. If the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, comments will be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) who submit timely and specific written comments (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) about this proposed project or activity during this or another public comment period established by the Responsible Official will be eligible to file an objection. Other requirements to be eligible to submit an objection are defined by 36 CFR 218.25 (a)(3) and include name, postal address, title of the project and signature or other verification of identity upon request and the identity of the individual or entity who authored the comments. Individual members of an entity must submit their own individual comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual. A timely submission will be determined as outlined in 36 CFR 218.25 (a) (4). It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted. Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act. Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider (36 CFR 218.2). Specific written comments must be submitted electronically, via mail, or in person (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Barry Garten, Mount Rogers NRA Ranger, 3714 Highway 16, Marion, VA 24354. Electronic comments including attachments may be submitted by email in word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and hypertext markup language (.html) to https://cara.ecosystemmanagement.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=44665. Input received in response to this solicitation, including the names and contact information of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the requester is denied; the agency will return the submission and notify the requestor that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within seven days. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is an equal opportunity provider and employer.